

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3 and after the Title, please insert a new paragraph:

--This application is a §371 U.S. national stage filing of international application PCT/IB2003/004701, filed 23 October 2003 (published in English on 6 May 2004 as WO 2004/037905 A1) and claiming priority to ZA 2002/8671 filed 25 October 2002 and ZA 2003/1355 filed 18 February 2003.—

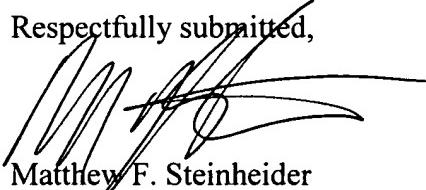
REMARKS:

The specification has been amended to claim priority and add reference to an earlier filed PCT application as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

It is believed that no fee is due. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10025.XXXX.PCUS00.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787-1400 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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